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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, RO (GERALD R. FORD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING TEXT IS MFA'S SUGGESTED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE BASED ON U.S. TEXT (REFTEL).

2. WOULD APPRECIATE, IF POSSIBLE BY 1200 THURSDAY, JULY 31 SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS BY ADDRESSEES ON THIS TEXT. IF NOT POSSIBLE PLEASE ADVISE WHEN RESPONSE LIKELY TO COME.

3. ROMANIANS AS USUAL, HAVE FLESHED OUT OUR SPARE DRAFT, BUT NOT EXCESSIVELY. ASIDE FROM STYLISTIC HUMPS, ADDRESSEES WILL WISH TO LOOK CRITICALLY AT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

(15) WE SUGGEST SUBSTITUTE PHRASE: "... AND PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTS, MEDICINE, AND OTHER FIELDS." (WE WILL SEEK FOR CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICALLY WHAT IT HAS IN MIND, PARTICULARLY IN MEDICINE AND ENVIRONMENT.)

(16) WE WILL TRY TO RETAIN LANGUAGE (REFTEL) BINDING FOR TO IMPLEMENT CULTURAL AGREEMENT IN DECENT FASHION AT WORKING LEVEL.

(17) BICENTENNIAL LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT COMMIT THE U.S. SIDE
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TO BLANKET SUPPORT OF ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE

U.S. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING: "... AND THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THE EVENTS WILL PROVIDE OCCASIONS FOR EXPANDING FURTHER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING."

(20) WE QUESTION BLANKET U.S. ENDORSEMENT OF FUTURE "MULTILATERAL COOPERATION" IN EUROPE.

(20-21) REFERENCES TO "REAL SECURITY" IN EUROPE MAY BE TOO CLOSE TO STANDARD COMMUNIST CONCEPT.

(23) ROMANIANS HAVE TRIED TO MEET US HALFWAY ON "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER", WHICH FRENCH AND OTHERS HAVE BOUGHT IN PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUE.

(25) DISARMMENT PARAGRAPHS NEED REWORKING.

(26) MIDDLE EAST LANGUAGE NEEDS EXPERT LOOK.

(27-28) BALKANS AND CYPRUS MAY BE OVERDONE.

4. MFA HAS NOT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF LABELING COMMUNIQUE "JOINT STATEMENT" OR TWO DOCUMENTS (REFTEL).

5. BEGIN TEXT: AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, AND MRS. ELENA CEAUSESCU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GERALD R. FORD, AND MRS. ELIZABETH FORD, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA ON AUGUST 2-3, 1975.

6. THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS VISITED CULTURAL AND SOCIAL POINTS OF INTEREST AT BUCHAREST AND SINAIA.

7. THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WERE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME EVERYWHERE AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE SENTIMENTS OF ESTEEM AND RESPECT WHICH THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE HAS FOR THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE.

8. DURING THE VISIT, PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU AND PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD HELD TALKS REGARDING THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA
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AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE REFLECTING MUTUAL ESTEEM AND RESPECT AS WELL AS THE FAVORABLE COURSE OF ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT RELATIONS IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND

OTHER FIELDS HAVE DEVELOPED AND DIVERSIFIED IN RECENT YEARS
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PRINCIPLES INSCRIBED IN THE JOINT
DECLARATION SIGNED AT WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 5, 1973.

10. REAFFIRMING THE ADHERENCE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO THE
PRINCIPLES IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS RESOLVED
TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES ON THE
BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE TRADITIONAL
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, PEACE, AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

11. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ASSESSED POSITIVELY THE DEVELOPMENT OF
ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, RESOLVING TO CONTINUE
TO ACT TO EXPAND BILATERAL ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL-
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES BASED ON THE
PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC,
INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE
UNITED STATES ADOPTED AT WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 5, 1973.

12. THEY NOTED ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RECENT
YEARS TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP BILATERAL COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES,
AMONG THESE BEING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITY OF THE ROMANIAN-
AMERICAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN
ECONOMIC COUNCIL, AS WELL AS JOINT PRODUCTION AND COMMERCIAL
VENTURES.

13. THE TWO PRESIDENTS SALUTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION THE
CONCLUSION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH
REPRESENTS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
DIVERSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE ENTRY INTO FORCE
OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 3, 1975, BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES
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DURING THE VIST, WILL ENABLE A GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION OF
ROMANIAN-AMERICAN TRADE, WHICH WILL HAVE A FAVORABLE INFLUENCE
OVER THE TOALITY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.

14. THE TWO PRESIDENTS, TAKING NOTE OF THE FAVORABLE EVOLUTION
OF COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN ECONOMIC ORGANIZTIONS OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES, RESOLVED TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE TIES
THROUGH JOINT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT
PRODUCTION AND COMMERCIAL VENTURES, TO WHICH PURPOSE THE ROMANIAN-
AMERICAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, WHOSE NEXT SESSION WILL TAKE
PLACE SOON IN WASHINGTON, WILL ECAMINE APPROPRIATE WAYS AND
MEASURES. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT COMPETENT DEPARTMENTS
WILL BEGIN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE NEGOTIATION OF A LONG-
TERM ACCORD ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COLLABORATION,
AS WELL AS AN AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT.

15. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ASSESSED FAVORABLY DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF EXPANDING THIS COOPERATION THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF COLLABORATIVE ACCORDS ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MEDICINE, AND IN OTHER FIELDS.

16. BOTH SIDES WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION, IN DECEMBER 1974, OF THE FIRST LONG-TERM GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FOR BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL VALUES AND FOR EXPANSION OF TIES IN THESE FIELDS BETWEEN RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONTACTS BETWEEN CITIZENS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

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17. HAVING IN VIEW THE COMING ANNIVERSARIES OF MAJOR EVENTS IN THE HISTORIES OF BOTH NATIONS -- THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CENTENNIAL OF ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE -- THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED TO SUPPORT THE OBSERVANCE OF THE TWO EVENTS IN APPROPRIATE FASHION.

18. THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 1973 DECLARATION, A SERIES OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN SOLVED. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS FIELD.

19. PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE RECENT DISASTROUS FLOODS WHICH HAD AFFLICTED ROMANIA. HE VOICED ADMIRATION FOR THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THE NATURAL CALAMITY. (SENTENCES ON ASSISTANCE MAY BE INSERTED HERE AS APPROPRIATE.)

20. THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE REPRESENTS A FIRST AND CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD THE EDIFICATION OF REAL SECURITY ON THE CONTINENT. THEY UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF IMPLEMENTING ALL DOCUMENTS ADOPTED AT HELSINKI, OF ALL ENGAGEMENTS ASSUMED, AND OF ACHIEVING MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE.

21. THEY EXPRESSED THE DESIRE OF THEIR TWO COUNTRIES TO ACT IN THIS DIRECTION -- FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SYSTEM OF REAL EUROPEAN SECURITY, FOR CONTINUITY OF EFFORT ENVISAGING THE FURTHER PROMOTION OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

22. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT REAL SECURITY IN EUROPE CAN BE REALIZED ONLY THROUGH EFFICIENT MEASURES OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

23. THE TWO PRESIDENTS UNDERScored THEIR SUPPORT FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHICH THE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY, REGARDLESS OF SIZE, POTENTIAL, OR SOCIAL-ECONOMIC SYSTEM, TO CHOOSE ITS OWN DESTINY WILL BE RESPECTED, AND IN WHICH EACH COUNTRY MAY DEVELOP FREELY, ON THE BASIS OF STRICT RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY UNDER LAW, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, SHELTERED FROM THE USE OF THREAT OF FORCE.

24. DURING THE TALKS, THE TWO PRESIDENTS HELD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE COMPLEX ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH ARE POSED IN THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

THEY NOTED THAT TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS, ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE NEED TO ESTABLISH EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG ALL STATES AND TO CREATE AND CONSOLIDATE AN ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM WHICH CAN ASSURE STABILITY ON A WORLD SCALE, IN THE INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PROGRESS OF ALL NATIONS, OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. A PROBLEM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IS TO ESTABLISH JUST RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND OF FINAL PRODUCTS, SO AS TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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OF ALL STATES AND, IN THE FIRST PLACE, THOSE WHICH LAG BEHIND, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACCELERATION OF THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATING THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

25. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE INDISSOLUBLE LINK BETWEEN SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT AS WELL AS THE STRINGENT NEED FOR ALL STATES TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE GENERAL DISARMAMENT, ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, UNDER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

26. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND UNDERLINED THE NEED TO REACH, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE REGION, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED AS A RESULT OF THE 1967 WAR, BY THE GUARANTEE OF INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND SECURITY TO ALL STATES IN THE ZONE, AND BY RESPECT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

27. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP, GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS, AND FRUITFUL COLLABORATION IN THE BALKANS. THEY NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG BALKAN COUNTRIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE BALKANS INTO A ZONE OF PEACE AND TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

28. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND FAVORED A SOLUTION BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. THEY NOTED THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND CAN CONTRIBUTE FRUITFULLY TO A RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION.

29. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED TO SUPPORT THE
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UNITEDNATIONS SO THAT IT MAY FULFILL ITS MISSION
OF MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE AND DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

30. THE TWO PRESIDENTS SALUTED THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS
IN MANY FIELDS, AT VARIOUS LEVELS, WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE
IN RECENT YEARS.

31. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE POSITIVE DIRECTION OF
ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THEY AGREED TO DEVELOP
AND INTENSIFY THESE PERIODIC EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AT ALL
LEVELS.

32. PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AND MRS. ELIZABETH FORD
EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU AND COMRADE
ELENA CEAUSESCU THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE EXTREMELY
CORDIAL RECEPTION WHICH WAS ACCORDED THEM IN ROMANIA.

33. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THIS VISIT WAS ANOTHER
CONTRIBUTION TO FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
ROMANIAN AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES AND
TO THE VALUABLE TRADITION OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WHICH
HAS EVOLVED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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